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Dear Mr. Lee:

As you requested, I am herewith providing you with a brief outline of the points that would be addressed during an interview.

The invention concerns a method for mimicking network devices, and all claims were rejected primarily over U.S. Patent 6,240,456 (Teng). However, as Teng is understood, although it describes a network server that redirects incoming messages, the incoming messages are addressed to Teng's network server itself, and not to any other device in the network. In contrast, in the present invention, the incoming message is not necessarily addressed to the claimed "computing device", but rather is addressed to a target network device residing on a local network.

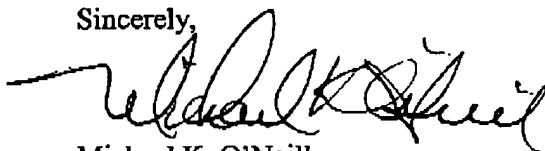
Additionally, Teng fails to show a determination of whether an application module residing in the computing device is configured to process a functionality required by the message. Teng discloses a determination of where the message is routed, which is different from determining whether an application module is configured to process functionality. Moreover, and addressing the comments on pages 8 and 24 of the Office Action, it is not seen how such a determination is inherent from the existence of the installable components.

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Accordingly, Teng is not seen to show a system which receives and processes incoming messages addressed to a target device residing on the local network. Furthermore, Teng is not seen to show the determining step recited in the present invention.

Thank you again for considering this request for a telephone interview. Please contact me at (714) 540-0841 or Michael Guzniczak at (714) 540-1053 to confirm a time and date. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,



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